

## THE WORLD'S NEED.

There is nothing the world so longs for as peace, and there is nothing of which it really has less. We do not mean that the nations are in a constant state of war. We have come to an age in which international conflicts such as used to devastate beautiful and fruitful lands have given place to the almost unbroken reign of peace. Men have learned that the cruelties and carnage of war are unnecessary and costly, and that they who take the sword perish by the sword.

The peace of which men as individuals have even greater need is the peace of God, the peace which Christ left with his disciples, the peace which means the end of rebellion against the Prince of Peace, the end of violation of the laws of the kingdom of righteousness, and the end of perverse defiance of the simple conditions of a successful and happy life. We get out of our proper sphere when we go morally wrong; and it seems easy to go wrong, but hard to bear the results of going wrong. A railway train is designed to run on smooth and level tracks. So long as it keeps to them it runs swiftly and safely; when it transgresses the law of its limitations and leaves the tracks, destruction and death attend it. The ship is made for deep water, and its danger is not so much from its natural element as from the shores and shoals which mean wreck and ruin to it. So it is with man. He was made to glorify God and enjoy him forever. He cannot have peace of soul unless he is fulfilling this end and aim of his existence. He must be right with his Maker. He must be true to the laws of his being, or conflict and turbulence are inevitable. He who walks with God has that peace which passeth all understanding, so great is the reach of its power and influence.

Peace is not stagnation. Stagnation is death. The stagnant lake or pool is dead water. The roar of Niagara is the roar of living water. Peace is not cessation from activity, but it is the result of the right activity. The lightning train rocks and roars and shakes the earth as it bounds over the tracks, and yet its mission is a mission of peace. Its only peace fails when it leaves the tracks. The country that is living in peace is not a dead country. On the contrary, the manifestations of life in it are most abundant. War means death and destruction. When war ceases, industry and commerce become more active and prosperity marks the reign of peace.

The human race has somehow got out of its orbit. The result is confusion in our heavens. We need to get into right

relations with the Sun of Righteousness. That means lives of peace and success, and the sure promise of unending bliss. Let the world come to Christ and get his peace. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you." That gives in scanty measure; Christ gives fully and unto perfection, so that if you have his peace you have his comfort. "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid;" for this is the peace that triumphs over all things, even over sin and death and hell.—*Independent*.

## MISSION WORK.

During the winter and spring we have held regular meetings at a mission point about six miles north of Glenford, Ohio, in Licking Co. In May it seemed advisable to hold a series of meetings. Most of the time the weather was very favorable and attendance consequently good. Four were received by baptism, and baptized in a section where it seems they had not heard of trine immersion, though of those who were baptized two are of Dunker parentage. A great stir was the result of the preaching of the word and the baptizing. The Old Baptists were moved to come and have meetings with us. On one evening they had preaching just in time to be through by the time of our appointment. Sister Laura Grossnickle did the preaching however, that evening for me. They seemed anxious to have us stay out of the community and appointed a meeting immediately following my last appointment. We told them not to hope to keep us out of the community and have another appointment. Many people are much interested and we think good will be accomplished in addition to that already done.

Glenford, Ohio. J. M. BOWMAN.

Sister Laura Grossnickle was with us at the Bethel church at Glenford, Ohio. Her sermon was very highly appreciated, and I was greatly enlightened by her talk on the S. S. C. E. work.

One was received by baptism a few days ago. She had been thinking of her salvation for some time and had been in ill health for a number of months. She requested baptism after the doctor had given her up. She died in a day or two, following her baptism. I was so glad that she gave herself to the Lord Jesus Christ.

J. M. BOWMAN.

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